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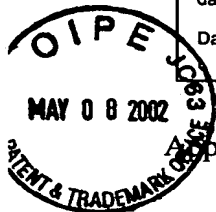
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Applicant: Travers et al.

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For: Dish Drainer and Tray System With Compact
Storage of the Tray

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the final official action mailed January 28, 2002.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections is hereby respectfully solicited in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 13 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A dish drainer and tray set comprising:
- a dish drainer having a perforate base and a perimeter wall extending upward from the base, the perimeter wall and base defining an interior of the dish drainer;
 - a separate and discrete tray having a footprint larger than the base of the dish drainer when the tray is in a first deployed configuration, the discrete tray being positionable substantially beneath the base of the dish drainer; and